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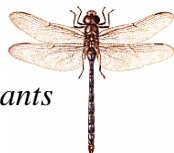
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NEAEB 2007 Agenda

Wednesday

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Merritt-Cummins Taxonomic Key Update

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Overview of proposed changes to E.P.T. chapters for the 4th ed. of Merritt and Cummins

Steven K. Burian
*Southern Connecticut State
University*

12:00 PM – 01:00 PM

Lunch (on your own)

01:00 PM – 03:00 PM

Classification Approaches for Waters

Deerfield South
Greg Hellyer, Moderator

- 1) Using BioSim2 to calculate statistically-valid sectors of indicator taxa
Carlos F. A. Pinkham
Norwich University
- 2) The Connecticut Hydrologic Stressor Index for Stream Flow Classification
Chris Bellucci
CT DEP
- 3) The Benefits of EPA Level IV Ecoregional Mapping in Maine....(and the rest of New England?)
James Omernik
USGS and USEPA-ORD
- 4) Discussion of the Benefits of Level IV Ecoregional Mapping to New England States
Greg Hellyer
USEPA

Wetland and Lake Assessments 1

Somerset West
Kellie Merrell, Moderator

- 1) Prediction of Four-toed Salamander presence in shoreline microhabitat and wetlands in Maine
Rebecca Chalmers
*Vermont Department of
Environmental Conservation*
- 2) Floristic Assessment Quotients for Wetlands
Jason T. Bried
The Nature Conservancy
- 3) Effects of lakeshore development on oligotrophic lakes in northeastern Vermont
Eric A. Howe
*VTDEC Lakes Management /
Protection Program*
- 4) Vermont Wetland Bioassessment Project: Developing an Understanding of Lake- and Stream-Associated Wetlands
Christine Manuck
VTDEC Wetlands Section

01:00 PM – 03:00 PM**(continued from previous page)****Workshop - Periphyton****Deerfield North**

Goal of the workshop is to facilitate and encourage the use of periphyton in bioassessments.

Julia Kay Christensen Eichman

Workshop - Macroinvertebrate Taxonomy**Raponda Central**

Goal of the workshop is to facilitate the accurate identification of macroinvertebrate taxa to species, with focus on the families Hydropsychidae and Baetidae

Steve Burian and Don Chandler -
Instructors

03:00 PM – 03:20 PM**Break****Somerset Central/East****03:20 PM – 05:00 PM****Mercury and Toxic Algae****Deerfield South***Neil Kamman, Moderator*

- 1) Mercury concentrations in crayfish collected from New York streams, 1989-2001
- 2) Mercury in Stream Water and Biota in the Upper Hudson River Basin, New York
- 3) Contrasting algal bloom cycles in two shallow mesotrophic lakes: interactions between abiotic and biotic control

Stephanie L. Johnson
SUNY-ESF

Karen Riva-Murray
U.S. Geological Survey

Tara Trinko
University of Maine

Wetland and Lake Assessments 2**Somerset West***Jim Kellogg, Moderator*

- 1) Results of the 2005 Vermont acid lake biomonitoring program
- 2) Statistically Valid Surveys of the Nation's Waters: The National Wetland Condition Assessment
- 3) Massachusetts' First Desalination Facility: Monitoring and Mitigating for Potential Impacts

Heather Pembroke
State of Vermont

Michael Scozzafava
*USEPA, Office of Water, Wetlands
Division*

Tom Touchet
Metcalf & Eddy, Inc.

Workshop - Macroinvertebrate Taxonomy (cont.)**Raponda Central**

Wednesday

05:00 PM – 06:00 PM

Business Meeting

Deerfield North

Business Meeting

Doug Burnham - Presiding

Thursday

08:00 AM – 10:20 AM

Technical Plenary

Somerset West

Neil Kamman, Moderator

- 1) The U.S. EPA Tiered Aquatic Life Use Initiative: Progress to Date with State Program Development & Implementation
Chris Yoder
Midwest Biodiversity Institute
- 2) Developing lake-specific nutrient criteria: integrating predictive modeling with biological response gradients
Patricia A. Soranno
Michigan State Univ.
- 3) River Management Trends and Issues
Jim MacBroom
Milone & MacBroom Inc

09:00 AM – 12:00 PM

NABS Examination

Hospitality Suite

NABS Examination

Kelly Nolan - Examination Proctor

10:20 AM – 12:00 PM

Poster Plenary - Bioassessment

Somerset Central/East

- 1) Development of target fish communities for Massachusetts river basins
Michael Kashiwagi
MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
- 2) Urban Stream Ecology: Impact of Wastewater Treatment Plant Chlorine Disinfection of Stream Fish Species Diversity and Water Quality
Nicole A. Hoyceanyls
Bridgewater State College
- 3) Assessment of the physical impacts of precipitate on aquatic biota
Brian Duffy
VTDEC Biomonitoring Program
- 4) Interstate assessment: Cross-calibration of the Biological Condition Gradient among state monitoring programs in New England
Ben Jessup
Tetra Tech
- 5) Long-Term Trends in Water Chemistry of New York State Rivers and Streams
Kathie Dello
NYSDEC
- 6) Conversations on the Commons
Amos Baehr
UVM Gund Institute for Ecological Economics

Poster Plenary - Bioassessment

Somerset Central/East

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| 7) Persistence of dragonfly exuviae on vegetation and rock substrates | Maria Aliberti
<i>URI Dept. Plant Sci. &
Entomology</i> |
| 8) Quantitative Study of the Freshwater Mussel Community Downstream of the Surry Mountain Flood Control Dam on the Ashuelot River, New Hampshire | Ethan Nedeau
<i>Biodrawiversity</i> |
| 9) Quality assurance invertebrate identification in a state monitoring program and the resolution of taxonomic disagreements. | Larry Abele
<i>NYSDEC</i> |
| 10) Fluctuating asymmetry in <i>Calopteryx</i> sp. : a stress indicator for wetland streams in Southeastern Massachusetts | K.D. Curry
<i>Bridgewater State College</i> |
| 11) Species Identification of New England Freshwater Calanoid and Cyclopoid Copepods Using Genetic Barcodes | Elisha Allan
<i>University of NH</i> |
| 12) Lotic Scene Investigation™ (LSI) program for higher education: Combining intensive student training with professional stream biomonitoring assessments | Kelly Nolan
<i>Independent consultant</i> |
| 13) Identifying high quality aquatic resources in an urbanized landscape | Alicia J. Norris
<i>Massachusetts Division of
Fisheries and Wildlife</i> |
| 14) A New Benthic Screening Approach for Field Assessment of Connecticut's Wadeable Streams. | Guy Hoffman
<i>CT DEP</i> |
| 15) Origin of New England's Fish Species | Rich Langdon
<i>VTDEC</i> |

Poster Plenary - Geomorphology

Somerset Central/East

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| 1) River Flume Demonstration | Staci Pomeroy
<i>VTDEC River Management
Program</i> |
| 2) Managing Streams Toward Equilibrium Conditions: A Case Study of the Vermont River Management Program | Kari Dolan
<i>Vermont River Management
Program</i> |
| 3) Stream Geomorphic Assessments - Tyler Branch and Trout River Watersheds | Adam Robtoy
<i>The Johnson Company, Inc.</i> |
| 4) Linking urban land use to stream geomorphology and biotic integrity in the Lake Champlain Basin, Vermont | Evan P. Fitzgerald
<i>University of Vermont</i> |
| 5) Evolution of the MesoHABSIM approach: 2001-2007 | Jeffrey D. Legros
<i>Northeast Instream Habitat
Program, UMASS</i> |
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Poster Plenary - Geomorphology**Somerset Central/East**

- 6) In Stream Pond Removal - An Effective Water Quality Management Tool

Jeff Nelson

*Pioneer Environmental
Associates, LLC.***Poster Plenary - Nutrients****Somerset Central/East**

- 1) Maine Draft Nutrient Criteria

Tom Danielson

*Maine Department of
Environmental Protection*

- 2) Development of nutrient criteria to protect aquatic life and aesthetic uses in Vermont lakes and wadeable streams

Neil Kamman

*VTDEC Lakes Management /
Protection Program*

- 3) Large River Nutrient Criteria in New York State

Alexander J. Smith

NYSDEC and NEIWPCC

- 4) Paleolimnology of Shelburne Pond, Vermont

Andrea Lini

University of VT

- 5) Trophic History of Lake Champlain since European Settlement: A paleolimnological study

Andrea Lini

University of VT

- 6) Comparison of Chlorophyll Collection and Analysis Methods

Travis Godkin

USEPA

- 7) Reaching out with zooplankton: Using An Image Based Key to the Zooplankton of the Northeast (USA) and other web-based tools to extend taxonomy

Sonya Carlson

Univ. of NH

- 8) Cyanobacteria Bloom on the Charles River

Joan Beskenis

Mass Dept. Env. Protection

- 9) Investigating Phosphorus Internal Loading in Maine Lakes using ³¹P Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR)

Bjorn Lake

University of Maine

- 10) Cyanobacterial monitoring in Vermont

Angela Shambaugh

*VTDEC Lakes Management /
Protection Program*

- 11) The development of a remote sensing technique to monitor New England Lakes

Shane Bradt

UNH Cooperative Extension

- 12) Mapping Cyanobacteria Blooms in Lake Champlain at Multiple Scales: QuickBird and MERIS Satellite Data

Sarah Wheeler

*VTDEC Lakes Management /
Protection Program*

Thursday

12:00 PM – 01:15 PM

Lunch

Deerfield North/South

01:15 PM – 03:30 PM

Plenary: It's Too Late to Be a Pessimist

Somerset West

Kellie Merrell, Moderator

1) Mediated Modeling as a tool to Integrate Science and Democracy

Marjan van den Belt

Mediated Modeling Partners LLC

2) Science and Anti-Science in America: Belief and Knowing

Elizabeth Sherman

Bennington College

3) Legal Opportunites: Pushing the Boundaries

David Mears

Vermont Law School

03:30 PM – 06:00 PM

World Café: Our Desired Aquatic Environments

Somerset Central/East

Kellie Merrell and Doug Burnham, Moderators

Legacy and Next Generation NEAEBers will create a shared vision of a desirable future for the aquatic environments of New England and New York. 20 aquatic problems, 150 minds, 3 rounds of discussions, unlimited solutions!

Kellie Merrell - Cafe Facilitator

06:45 PM – 08:30 PM

Banquet

Deerfield North/South

08:30 PM – 10:30 PM

Trivia with Top Hat Entertainment

Deerfield North/South

Friday

08:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Citizen Watershed Monitoring

Raponda Central

Neil Kamman, Moderator

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- 1) Lessons Learned from Two Volunteer Watershed Water Quality Monitoring Programs in the Champlain Valley, Vermont Bill Hoadley
LaPlatte River Watershed Partnership
 - 2) Water Quality of Essex (VT) Streams: Sediment, Nutrient and Salt Pollution Ashley Wright
Essex Waterways Association and UVM
 - 3) Meeting the Challenges of Volunteer Monitoring Linda Green
Univ. of Rhode Island Watershed Watch

Panel Discussion - Protection of Biologically High Quality Waters

Raponda West

Marie Caduto, Moderator

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- 1) State Wildlife Action Plans: How you can help implement these comprehensive plans through your work Emily Brinkhurst
NH Fish and Game
 - 2) Representatives from various states will summarize and discuss the following: their state's approach to identifying and protecting biologically high quality waters; what protections these waters are afforded; and the effectiveness of each approach. Open discussion will ensue. Marie Caduto - Panel Facilitator

Stream Geomorphic Assessment

Somerset West

Mike Kline, Moderator

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- 1) Changes in Stream Sediment Regimes and their Aquatic Ecosystem and River Management Implications Mike Kline
VTDEC River Managment Program
 - 2) The New VT ANR Rapid Habitat Assessment: Linking Physical Processes to Aquatic Habitat in Different Stream Types Roy Schiff
MMI
 - 3) Exploring scale dependent responses to urbanization Evan P. Fitzgerald
University of Vermont

10:00 AM – 10:20 AM

Break

Somerset Central/East

10:20 AM – 12:00 PM

Addressing the Need for Taxonomic Data Consistency: Formation of a New England Association of Taxonomists

Raponda West
Gary Lester, Moderator

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- 1) Addressing the Need for Taxonomic Data Consistency: Formation of a New England Association of Taxonomists

Gary T. Lester
EcoAnalysts, Inc.

Panel Discussion - Chloride

Somerset West
Angela Shambaugh, Moderator

Chloride panel discussion will address State's current "chloride" water quality standards, surface and ground water data and regulations to address chloride exceedances.

Angela Shambaugh - Discussion
Facilitator

Surveying the Nation's Rivers

Raponda Central
Dave Neils, Moderator

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- 1) Impact of Stormwater Discharges on Streams
- 2) Development of a Fish Assemblage Assessment Index for Non-Wadeable Large Rivers in Maine and New England: 2002-2006
- 3) Discussion of Upcoming Large Rivers National Survey

Rosemary Gatter-Evarts
CT DEP

Chris Yoder
Midwest Biodiversity Institute

Dave Neils